

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, June 8, 2023 at Barnes Town Hall Office

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Blair Gagne. Quorum was established with members present: Kay Erdahl, Terry Kolberg, Marcia Wellnitz, Blair Gagne. Also present were Loren Bohl (park maintenance) and Tom Renz (Town board liaison).

Public notice of meeting was posted on 06/06/2023. With a date correction, a motion was made by Terry to approve last months minutes, seconded by Blair. Passed

Garage at TLP update- Building permit was submitted by Blair and is in the process at Bayfield County. May take another month or so to get approval, then the slab can be poured at a date that works for Dave Scully. At that time some volunteers and the borrowed forms for pouring would be needed. With Dave Scully acting as general- the plan is to build the garage with volunteers as much as possible.

A swimming raft was donated by Judy Bouressa and a motion was made to approve putting it in Tomahawk Lake by Kay, seconded by Terry. Passed. A resident asked for more sand to be dumped at the swimming beach –it was discussed that the DNR does not allow that.

Vehicles are sometimes parking near the boat landing, making it difficult for landing a boat. A new sign that states that parking here is ONLY for Handicap and others park in the parking lot was discussed. Marcia made a motion to have a sign made, seconded by Kay. Passed. An ADA accessible Biffy will also not be at TLP.

The park clean-up and maintenance at TLP was successful. More signs and arrows are on the snowshoe trail from one direction. Blair is asking that the town's skid steer even out some areas on the trail to make mowing easier. While skid steer is at the park- the remaining mulch could be moved to the area surrounding the gardens.

The Ice Rink was discussed again on size, location and how to construct differently. It presently does not hold water and the cracks in the concrete cannot be repaired. Further rink discussion will be put on next month's agenda.

The yearly budget print-out for Parks & Rec was discussed, as explained by Tom Renz.

Loren found a replacement spring for the playground "sit-on turtle". A motion was made by Marcia, seconded by Kay to order the part. Passed.

Playground equipment was discussed to replace the wood structure at the town park. 2 companies that Loren presented are Playworld and Gametime and our area is about 40 X 40 feet in size. We would like a representative from one of these companies to explain to us about the options available with costs & whether it can be done in increments as funds allow.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Kolberg

